

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, JULY 23, 1883.

white Christain in a high fever. He was as much truth as wit christened the place "Cob-web Hall," he might with equal truthfulness have added "mosquito and fever manufactory." On his discharge he was charged the modest sum of \$2.50 per diem! What the \$2 were for I cannot guess; the 50 cents might have paid for the quinine but why there should be items on the bill for either accommodation or attendance (which were simply *nil*) is what is popularly termed a conundrum. It is only in deference to the patient's expressed wishes that I do not give you the whole story. I should imagine the position of both of the representatives, one of medicine and the other of justice, tempered with mercy, should have renounced all class distinctions, and recognised in every suffering man—a brother, thinking rather of his humanity than his accidents.

The Kiang-yu has made her maiden voyage and we are all strongly impressed with her fine appearance. She is decidedly a desirable acquisition to the already fine list of C. M. Co.'s steamers.

I hear there is a rumour to the effect that both the Kiang-yung and Kiang-kwan are going to run between Hongkong and Canton.—*Courier.*

(FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.)

14th July, 1883.

In consequence of a continual rise in the river, the Foreign Settlement and the native city are the only dry places for a walk. The whole of the surrounding country, the Race Course included, is entirely under water. At 6.30 p.m. to day, canoe, sampan, gig and house-boat races are to take place at the back of the old cricket ground, which has been temporarily transformed into a lake, and some capital sport is anticipated.

From the Kiang, facing eastward is an inland sea, dotted here and there with a few trees, with the Kinsan Bluffs in the distance. The river banks are entirely under water and the farmers are compelled to exchange their usual occupation of ploughing for that of "paddling their own canoe."

For the present, steamers take their departure at daylight instead of at 10 p.m. as usual. I hear that the river is much higher between this port and Kiukiang than it is in the neighbourhood of Wuhan. This is to be accounted for by the small quantity of water coming out of the Poyang Lake, whilst our local overflow is caused by a great rise of the river at Ichang, where the volume of water is swollen by an influx of water from the Tungting Lake and the HanYang. The watermark here to-day is 44 ft. 6 in. whilst at Kiukiang it is only 39 ft. 8 in., or nearly 5 feet less than at our port, whilst in the spring and winter months it is generally 2 feet in excess of the Hankow water-mark. The difference in the water level will account for a strong downward current and the washing away of the river banks to a concave form. At Hwang-chow, about 50 miles below this, the country is submerged to a depth of several feet and the indigo and hemp crops are completely ruined. The farming class in that district are much to be pitied as they are thus rendered destitute of their means of livelihood and source of daily food.

The Russian steamer *Nijni Novgorod*, leaves here to-morrow. The Russian gunboat is still in quarantine.—*Courier.*

NINGPO.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

15th July, 1883.

We are having very agreeable weather here at present. The sun is strong, but there is a delightful cool-breeze blowing day and night.

The disturbance which has been the source of so much complaint in Shanghai has lately assumed serious proportions here, and the Municipal Council have accordingly issued instructions to the police to impound all dogs found straying in the settlement. They have made several traps but have not yet commenced to exterminate the canine pests—who "make night hideous" with their unearthly yell.

A Customs official, who was aroused from his slumbers at 5 a.m. this morning by the barking of two dogs, took the law into his own hands by discharging a revolver at the brutes and killed them both.

The vacancy in the Police force has been filled up by the appointment of Mr. J. Mills, formerly an officer on board the United States ship *Ashuelot*.

There are no merchant vessels in port at present, and it is some time since we have had any except the *Tunis* and *Kiangtung* which are here on alternate days. Three Chinese gunboats arrived here a few days ago, and are still in port.

I hear that cholera is prevailing in some of the coast ports but I am happy to say that it has not yet made its appearance here.—*Courier.*

YOKOHAMA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Yokohama, July 12th.

My last letter to you I said that the state of trade in this country, consequent on the despotic commercial laws in force, is in a very depressed condition. It now seems that there is a grand movement on foot for the resuscitation of trade. From what has come to my knowledge through the medium of the vernacular press I am in a position to inform you that a Mr. Buntaro of Koto (near Kobe) has projected a vast scheme for the establishment of a Grand International Exhibition to be held in Japan in 1885.

Provided such an exhibition is held and facilities are granted to the natives, by the Government, for acquiring foreign capital, then most undoubtedly Japan will become a flourishing and really progressive country.

A correspondent signing himself "An Observer en voyage," writing to the *Japan Gazette*, has made such clear and practical remarks on this subject that I think I cannot do better than reproduce his letter here in extenso—

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION IN JAPAN, 1885.

To you Editor of the "JAPAN GAZETTE." Sir:—In your issue dated 10 instant you received the announcement of the *Yomiuri Shimbun* regarding the projected Mr. Buntaro (President of the Misaki Kankai, Koto) here.

I should say there can be no doubt that Mr. Buntaro is merely in the position of prefect of a vast scheme for this Japanese International Exhibition; of course, he might be successful, but it is not reasonable to suppose that he will be.

The American *Advertiser* never made a more truthful assessment of the effects of this proposed exhibition, and before the people, in one root, of diversified nations, in the most advanced form of a preceding trade.

The number of lawyers is considerably on the increase. Applications sent to the authorities this year for candidates for competition in the forthcoming examinations are fifty per cent more than in previous years. The applicants are mostly young students and have not much legal knowledge; consequently, the number who are expected to pass successful examinations are, in Tokyo, ten, and in the provinces, two or three per cent.

A report from Kyoto says that on the 1st instant a mob numbering upwards of three hundred attacked a shop, kept by a Nakao Shigenobu, as a depot for the sale of Bibles, and created a serious disturbance. On the day in question, he was preaching, as usual, before a quiet audience in his shop, when an infuriated mob, who were watching for an opportunity to wreak vengeance upon him, rushed in and threatened to tear down the house. Nakao escaped through the kitchen door and applied at the police-station for assistance. The police promptly arrested the ringleaders and took them to the police station.—*Japan Mail.*

Yokohama, 10th July, 1883.

A Japanese troupe are playing at the Gailey Theatre here, and are attracting good houses, they will shortly be down in Hongkong, believe, en route for India. They are good actors and should attract large audiences in your colony.

PART OF CHINA IN THE TONQUIN AFFAIR.

The head of the Chinese Legation in Paris has been interviewed touching the part that China will be likely to play in the dispute with France about the Tonquin affair. Li Hung Chang is now practically the head of the Chinese Empire. He is said to be the ablest statesman which his country has produced in a hundred years. He holds that Tonquin is a vassal of the Chinese Empire, and the other will protect the province at all costs. The French, he says, have not complained through any diplomatic channels. Captain Riviere with his small band, who attempted to invade the interior of Tonquin were wiped out of existence by forty thousand Annamites. That is a part of the grievance. The French suffered a defeat, and now propose to inaugurate a war on a pretty large scale. The Chinese diplomat in Paris, according to a report of an interview in the New York *Advertiser*, says that the Chinese have armaments of the highest order. They have Krupp guns in fortresses, and a fleet of well equipped ships, including some of the fastest gunboats in the world. The latter are of English build. They claim, also, to have one of the best arsenals in the world—that of Foo Choo, which has for several years been managed by engineers of the French Navy. To a question about the discipline of the Chinese army, the diplomat made the following points:

"You notice I smile at your question. All you Europeans believe that China to-day is in the same state of disorganization as in 1860. It is a great mistake. If at that time Montauban, the English Admiral, were able to disembark at Takow, invade our territory, pass by our forts on the Peiho and enter Pekin, it was because China was then in the throes of a terrible civil war. The Taipings had made themselves masters of the whole eastern portion of the Empire. Our Emperor could scarcely count upon three provinces. To-day there is not a single rebel throughout the length and breadth of the Empire. Over four hundred millions of us are devoted to our august Emperor, and we have an armament and a military organization capable of setting any foreign invasion at defiance."

According to this Oriental view, which is no doubt highly colored one, the Chinese Government is not only prepared to fight, but has resources of her own in some respects, more than to those which France could bring into this foreign field. The great changes which have been made in the military and naval equipment of Chinese forces during the last ten years have been frequently noted. Here comes one of her statesmen and calls attention incidentally, to the fact that China is equipped with arsenals, gunboats, fortifications, Krupp guns, and whatever European engineers could suggest. In the way of munitions of war, and now says that the French must not undertake to subjugate Tonquin. The controversy becomes more and more interesting on the diplomatic side. But it is not at all certain that it will amount to more than a temporary invasion of Tonquin, which is a compromise of some sort, will close the controversy before war actually occurs on a large scale.—*San Francisco Bulletin.*

NOTES FROM JAPANESE PAPERS.

It is reported that Mr. Asano, the Japanese Minister in Italy, will return to Japan in October next.

A resident of Kyoto is taking the necessary steps to promote an international exhibition to be held in that city in 1885.

Four cases of cholera are reported to have occurred on the 21st and 22nd ultimo at Kujimura in the prefecture of Ibaraki.

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Hongkong, 1st July, 1883. [553]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the MORTGAGEES to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 26th July, 1883, at THREE P.M.,

on the Premises—

THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,

KNOWN AS

"THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS," Standing and being on all that Piece or Parcel of GROUND situate at Victoria, being that, Portion of INLAND LOT No. 51, upon which the GERMAN CLUB formerly stood, and Sub-section A of Section B of inland Lot No. 51, together with all the Out-buildings and the Appurtenances thereto held for the n side of the term of 999 years created by an Indenture of Crown Lease, dated the 16th January, 1856, at the apportioned Crown Rent of \$120 per Annum. For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON,
Supreme Court House,
Solicitors for the Mortgagors;

or to the Undersigned,
H. N. MODY,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1883. [553]

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF VALUABLE PROPERTY IN VICTORIA

TO BE SOLD by Public Auction, by Mr. J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer, on

FRIDAY,

the 27th day of July, 1883, at THREE P.M.,
on the Premises, No. 54, Wing Lok Street,
By ORDER OF THE MORTGAGOR.

All that Valuable Piece of GROUND measuring on the North and South 14 feet; East and West sides 100 feet, and Registered in the Land Office as MARINE LOT No. 73.

Held for 999 years from 21st May, 1857. Yearly Crown Rent \$26.88. On the above Piece of GROUND is erected the Valuable HOUSE known as No. 54, Wing Lok Street and House No. 123, Praya Central, For Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

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Hongkong, 14th July, 1883. [564]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE PROPERTY
IN
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 28th day of July, 1883, on the Premises, at THREE P.M.

The Parcel of GROUND Registered in the Land Office as the Remaining Portion of MARINE LOT No. 53 a measuring 453 square feet. Yearly Crown Rent £11.43. Held for 999 years from 21st January, 1858.

Together with the HOUSES 105 and 107 Queen's Road Central and Nos. 1 and 3 in Endicott's Lane.

For Terms and Conditions of Sale, apply to J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 18th July, 1883. [574]

Intimations.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last, and of declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,

W. H. RAY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th July, 1883. [541]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of July, 1883, at THREE O'CLOCK P.M., when the Resolutions passed at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Company held on the 12th day of July, 1883, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions.

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 13th July, 1883. [558]

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 52, Queen's Road, on MONDAY, the 10th July instant, at THREE O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and Electing Directors and Auditor.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th July, 1883. [546]

NOTICE

WE have CLOSED our Branch and the Business will be carried on under the name of SCHAAR & CO., which firm Mr. CHARLES LANGE DE L'AMP is now a member of. The Premium

MANAGER, HO AMEE.

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HEAD OFFICE, 8, & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1883. [561]

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